

ROUNDS UP GANG  
IN TRAMPS' GARBCounterfeiters Confide Plans  
to Old "Prison Friend."

OFFERED TO PASS MONEY

Examined "Homemade" and Was  
Certain It Would Do.Then Capt. Charles E. Wright  
Organized a Posse Quietly and  
Three of the "Queer Goods" Men  
and a Woman Were Taken in  
Custody—Plaster Molds and Melting  
Apparatus Taken to Baltimore.

Baltimore, Aug. 20.—Capt. Charles E. Wright returned to-day from West Virginia, where he had a lively experience trailing and hunting down a gang of counterfeiters whom the government had been after for some time.

Disguised as a tramp, Wright entered the mountains. He had occasion to believe the Porter and Phelps gang, near Schoolhouse Run, Jackson County, was guilty of distributing much spurious coin during the latter part of the last fair season in the counties of West Virginia and Ohio.

Capt. Wright applied to the Phelps shanty and asked for something to eat. He was given food, and became friendly with one of the gang, Jack Willis. He soon convinced Willis that he had met him in prison, and the latter then stood sponsor for him.

Showed Him Queer Money.  
The gang soon showed the "tramp" the queer money, and he got hold of some of it on a "four bad ones for a good one" plan, and he was elected the official "queer shaver," and especially when he told them that it would go easy. The plans were to work the fairs, which begin about the middle of September. The counterfeiters were in high glee at the prospect.

From their talk, and the fact that two of the four knew what the inside of a prison looked like, and four very businesslike Winchester and revolver lying about, Capt. Wright knew that he would not be able to cope with them single-handed, so he organized a posse, and in the shade of the late afternoon the raiders closed in, and three of the men, with the wife of one, were captured.

Capt. Wright found a sturdy little deputy being overcome by Jack Phelps, a six-foot Ohio River pirate. Clapping his revolver against Phelps' head ended that scuffle. In the excitement of this Jim Phelps took to the river in a skiff, and pulled shoreward only when a Winchester threatened him.

Lends to Molds and Plates.  
After two hours' sweating, the Phelps agreed to show where the molds and plating outfit were concealed. They had been buried on the mountainside in several feet of earth.

The party of counterfeiters, handcuffed, were taken to Mount Pleasant, and, after being given a hearing, were committed for the action of the United States grand jury. The men now in jail are:

Joseph Porter, alias Ward, one of the best-known counterfeiters in the country. He has served a ten-year term in the penitentiary at Columbus, having been convicted in 1888.

Andrew J. (Jack) Willis, all-around post-office thief, who has also served time.

James M. Phelps and John S. Phelps, both men with records.

The Secret Service agent brought with him to Baltimore the plaster molds, clamps, and melting apparatus used by the counterfeiters, also a choice collection of the counterfeit coinage in \$1 metal and \$5 gold counterfeit coin.

## BEER IS FREE.

Gary (Ind.) Merchants Give It Away to All Customers.

Gary, Ind., Aug. 20.—The merchants of this city have entered into a lively competition with the "wet" cities surrounding it, and beer is being given away with all purchases of goods at many of the stores.

In the last few days merchants have provided large ice chests, and when a steel worker buys a bill of goods he is asked if he would like a bottle of cold beer. The answer is rarely in the negative, and the merchant brings out the bottle of beer and the customer takes it away with thanks. Many of the steel workers, who were having their pay checks cashed at South Chicago and spent their money there, are now patronizing the home merchants, and other dealers are preparing to add a bottle of beer with each purchase of goods. They say the practice is working well in keeping the trade of the steel workers and others here.

## LID ORDERED DOWN.

Attorney General Directs Atlantic City Authorities to Enforce Laws.  
Trenton, N. J., Aug. 20.—Attorney General Edmund Wilson sent a formal communication to the mayor and chief of police of Atlantic City to-day, directing them to enforce the law prohibiting the sale of liquor on Sunday.

This action followed a complaint lodged by a delegation from the Lord's Day Alliance and Good Citizens' League, of Atlantic City, and the Law and Order League of the State, setting forth that the excise laws have been openly, flagrantly, and persistently violated during the present month. The attorney general was furnished with a list of alleged violators, including probably three-quarters of the hotels and taverns of Atlantic City.

Flooring Is Our Specialty.  
Frank Libbey & Co., 6th and N. Y. ave.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Fair and cooler to-day; to-morrow fair; moderate northerly, shifting to northeasterly winds.

## BODY ON RAILROAD.

Man's Throat Cut and Placed on Track to Hide the Crime.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Aug. 20.—With his throat cut from ear to ear, the body of William Leach, aged twenty years, of Durys, near here, was found on the track of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad this morning. It is thought that he was murdered and robbed by thieves. His pockets were empty, and his clothes indicated that there had been a severe struggle. It was the apparent intention of the murderers to have his body run over by a train in order to give an impression that he had been killed on the railroad, but the body was discovered before any train passed the spot.

## THREE CHINESE HELD

Believed They Know Inside of Bow Kum Murder.

## HAS BLOODSTAINS ON CLOTHES

One of the Men Arrested Is Lou Tong, Who Knew Girl on Pacific Coast, and Who Demanded that Chin Len Pay Him \$3,000 After She Had Deserted Him.

New York, Aug. 20.—Chin Len, who has been under arrest since the murder of Bow Kum, the Chinese girl, at a street on August 15, breathed a sigh of relief when he heard the police had arrested three other men suspected of the murder of the slave girl.

One of them is Lou Tong, who was accused by Chin Len when the girl's body was found. Another prisoner is Chin Wah. Both were arrested yesterday at Mott and Pell streets, and this afternoon Woe Lee was arrested in his laundry at 361 Henry street, Brooklyn. All the men live at 22 Pell street, and when arraigned to-day in the Tombs Police Court were held without bail.

When Chin found the girl's body he told the police he had married Bow Kum in San Francisco and brought her to New York. He said she had lived with Lou Tong on the coast, and that last spring Lou Tong came to New York and demanded the girl. Chin refused to give up, and then Lou Tong demanded \$3,000. Chin Len refused to pay the money, and Lou Tong told him that there would be more trouble.

The police were impressed by Chin Len's story when he told it over and over again, and they set out to look for Lou Tong and his possible confederates. They learned that Lou Tong was seen about the house at 17 Mott street late Saturday night, and that Woe Lee and Chin Wah were both in the neighborhood at that time.

Lou Tong was wearing a black silk jacket when arrested, and when the police examined it closely they discovered what they believed to be bloodstains.

## LOSE MONEY ON CHOP-SUEY.

Chinese Restauranters Want Receiver Following Sidel Murder.

New York, Aug. 20.—Supreme Court Justice Ames reserved decision to-day on the application of Chow Hing and Louie Tong, two of the twenty-five partners in the Tuxedo, a Chinese restaurant at 2 Doyers street, for the appointment of a receiver.

It came out on the argument of the motion that prior to last June the restaurant paid 20 per cent profit, which was divided among the partners according to the amount they invested. Then the Sidel murder occurred, and the profits not only stopped, but the place was run at a loss.

Henry Schumann, counsel for the defendants, said that three Chinamen had formed a partnership to buy the business for \$12,000, and that the plaintiffs were parties to the proceedings until they suddenly changed their minds and applied for the receiver. He declares that in view of the conditions in Chinatown, the present offer is liberal, although about 20,000 have been put into the restaurant by the twenty-five partners.

## CHICAGO'S GROWTH.

George E. Plumb Believes Next Census Will Show 3,000,000.

Chicago, Aug. 20.—"I am convinced that the census of 1910 will show that the population of Chicago is pressing close to the 3,000,000 mark."

This prophecy was made to-day by George E. Plumb, statistician and librarian for the Chicago Association of Commerce, who has been recommended for supervisor of the census in Chicago by Senator William Lorimer.

## 35,281 LINES GAINED.

For the first twenty days of August, 1909, as compared with the first twenty days of August, 1908—

The Washington Herald has gained 35,281 lines of paid advertising; this, too, in dog-day weather.

There is a cause for this great growth, viz:

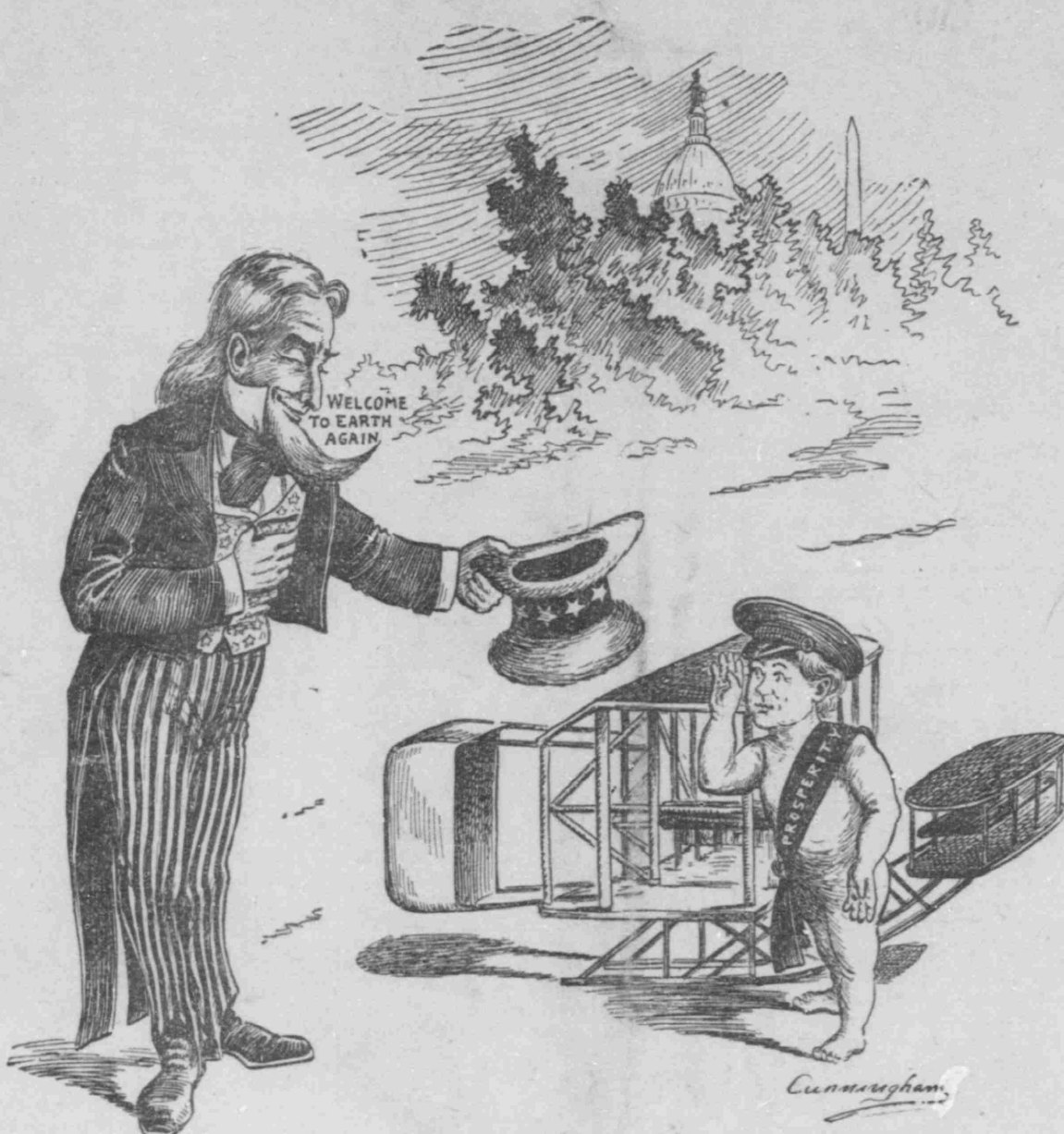
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All advertisers are invited to come in and examine our circulation records.

The Washington Herald is absolutely supreme in the morning field as 2 is to 1.

Baltimore and Return, \$1.25.  
Baltimore & Ohio R. R.  
Every Sunday and Sunday All trains,  
both ways both days, except Royal Limited.  
City offices, 1417 G st. and 619 Pa. ave.Good Flooring, 2c a Foot.  
Frank Libbey & Co., 6th and N. Y. ave.

## SAFE LANDING AND SAFE RETURN.



## CHICAGO CAR STRIKE FEARED

Officials Demand Arbitration of All Points of Difference.

Union Leaders Refuse to Have Entire Question Referred to Board for Settlement.

Chicago, Aug. 20.—Possibility of a strike of the street railway employees was seen to-day by labor leaders as a result of the voting down of the proposition made by President John M. Roach, of the Chicago Railway Company, by North and West Side car men.

Street railway officials will stand firmly for an arbitration of the whole wage question, not merely a wage increase, it is stated, and such arbitration may result in a decrease of the wage of the local street railway employees to the standard in several Eastern cities, where a lower scale is in effect.

An obstacle has been placed in the way of arbitration in the refusal of union leaders to consider arbitration of the entire wage question. The union officials are said to stand firmly for arbitration on the question of an increase from 27 cents up only. William D. Mahon, international president of the Street Railway Men's Union, is expected to arrive in Chicago to-morrow morning, and will immediately go into conference with union officials and later with the president of the two traction companies.

In anticipation of possible trouble, steps were taken to-day by Acting Chief of Police Schuetler to have guards of policemen in readiness to go on duty in the event of a strike being called. The acting chief ordered all applications for furloughs denied until the street railway wage dispute is settled.

## REYES NEAR SALTILLO.

Friends Say Mexican General Is on Pleasure Trip to Ranch.

Saltillo, Aug. 20.—It is reported Gen. Reyes is making his way to Saltillo across the mountains from Galeana. The distance is about sixty-five miles. Friends of Gen. Reyes say he is merely on a pleasure trip to a ranch in the vicinity of this city and that he expects to remain there until September 15, when he will return to Monterrey.

Miguel Cardenas, who was deposed from the governorship of Coahuila a few days ago by order of President Diaz, has been called to the City of Mexico again for another conference with the high federal authorities.

## Forest Fire Loss \$25,000,000.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Aug. 20.—The government report on forest fires in Canada during the last year shows that timber was damaged to the extent of \$25,000,000. Twenty-one lives were lost, and 40,000,000 feet of timber were burned in British Columbia.

## MUKDEN AGREEMENT BINDING

Gauge of Road to Be Same as Peking-Mukden Line.

China Shall Aid in Every Way the Inspection of the Work.

London, Aug. 20.—The Japanese embassy has issued the text of a memorandum of agreement respecting the reconstruction of the Peking-Mukden Railway, which was signed yesterday by M. Kikie, the Japanese consul general at Mukden, and Viceroy Hsi and Gov. Chang. The document is as follows:

First—The same gauge shall be adopted as that of the Peking-Mukden Railway.

Second—Japan and China shall recognize and approve the whole line as already surveyed and agreed upon by the commissioners of both governments, but the location of a portion of the Chen Hsiang line to Mukden remains to be considered by a mutual conference.

Third—From the date of the signature of this agreement negotiations for the purchase of land and the adjustment of other details shall be invited.

Fourth—From the day after the above negotiations are instituted work on the reconstruction shall be accelerated.

Fifth—China shall instruct local officials along the line to facilitate in every way the inspection of the work.

## ACCUSED OF ROBBING MAILS

Yeoman on U. S. S. Des Moines Arrested in Boston.

George T. Arrington, Former Washington Boy, Charged with Opening Registered Letters.

Word reached here yesterday from Boston of the arrest of George T. Arrington, a Washington boy, chief yeoman of the cruiser Des Moines, charged with the embezzlement of \$223.10 from registered letters.

Arrington was born in this city, and enlisted in the navy at the Washington Navy Yard when only fifteen years old. He is the son of Mrs. M. F. Arrington, 1122 Bladensburg road. His faithful and efficient service was rewarded by promotion to the grade of chief yeoman, which officer acts as mail clerk on United States war vessels.

When arraigned before United States Commissioner William A. Hayes in the Federal building at Boston yesterday, the allegation cited against Arrington stated that he had appropriated a letter addressed to William H. Wardlow, 430 Pine street, Norwood, Ohio, on July 24, the letter being said to contain \$20, and that three days later a similar letter, also containing \$20, addressed to Miss Mae Hogan, 1736 Randolph street, Chicago, was stolen by Arrington.

Commissioner Hayes fixed bail at \$1,000, and placed the date of the hearing for August 24. When asked for an excuse for his actions Arrington attributed them to hard luck. He added that the Des Moines was the twenty-third ship he had served on during his career as a sailor.

## PLATTE RIVER RAGING.

Many Cottages Are Flooded in the Lowlands of West Denver.

Denver, Aug. 20.—Watched by thousands of persons who had hurried to the banks of the river on hearing of the flood coming down from Lake George, the Platte River has again overflowed its banks in the low lands in West Denver, flooding scores of cottages and causing great fear of further serious loss.

Warned by mounted officers, the people living in the bottoms had plenty of time to move their belongings.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return  
Saturdays and Sundays via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets good returning until Sunday night. All regular trains, except the "Congressional Limited."

Flooring, Partly Straight Grain, 2c a foot. Libbey &amp; Co., 6th and N. Y. ave.

## WILL SPEND \$4,000,000.

Pennsylvania Will Shorten Distance from Pittsburgh to Buffalo.

Pittsburg, Aug. 20.—It is announced here to-day that the Pennsylvania Railroad has decided to spend \$4,000,000 in shortening the route between Pittsburgh and Buffalo forty miles, thereby enabling it to further reduce the running time between the two cities which has already been cut to five hours flat by the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie (New York Central).

The Pennsylvania plans call for a four-and-a-half hour schedule between Pittsburgh and Buffalo. The proposed new line is to run from Pittsburgh over the Erie and Pittsburgh division of the Pennsylvania lines, west to Girard Junction, a distance of 131 miles. From there a connecting link of seventeen miles is proposed, as well as a new line between Erie and Brockton, a distance of thirty-eight miles, and thence over the present Western New York and Pennsylvania, from Brockton to Buffalo.

This will be the third sensational move in a most spectacular speed war inaugurated a year ago.

THREATENS EXPOSE  
OF WINDSOR DEAL

Birmingham Says He Is Tired of Being "Goat."

## IS DISMISSED FROM COMPANY

Adams, the Young Boston Broker, in the Tombs in Connection with the Helms Scandal—Unable to Give Bond, but He Is Confident It Will Be Fixed Up at Once.

New York, Aug. 20.—Sterling Birmingham, the discharged manager of the Windsor Trust Company's loan department, threatens to tell the "real story" of what took place inside the trust company in reference to the \$25,000 loan to M. M. Joyce, Helms' broker. John Alvin Young, president of the trust company, has put the blame up to Birmingham and thrown him out of the company's service.

Birmingham turned to-day when arraigned before Magistrate Barlow in the Tombs Police Court on a charge of having violated the anti-tipping law, and through his counsel put the responsibility for every step in the transaction squarely up to the officers of the company. Birmingham, it is understood, will have an interesting explanation to give of why he has remained silent this long.

## Adams in the Tombs.

Donald L. Persch, the young curb broker, who has been peevish for a week because he was the only one of the loan scandal crowd sejourning in the Tombs, was in a pleasant frame of mind to-night. He had agreeable company with the person of A. D. F. Adams, the Boston broker, who was indicted for grand larceny a few days ago in connection with the loan disbursement.

The Boston broker was scheduled to appear at the Criminal Court building in the morning, but he didn't show up. Mr. Nott was just getting ready to send a couple of detectives to Boston with a warrant for his arrest, when Adams walked in with Louis J. Verhaas, his lawyer. He was arraigned before Judge Mulqueen in General Sessions, and pleaded not guilty. Adams said he was unable to give bail immediately—he had just gotten in from Boston—but he would give him until 4 o'clock if he would have it arranged.

Adams had securities deposited against his probable bondsmen, a trust company, but the value of them could not be ascertained in time to keep him out of the lockup for the night.

Adams was indicted in connection with the Eclipse Oil deal, in which \$35,000 of that stock was obtained from Crum, Mulliken &amp; Co. under alleged false representations by Persch and others. The stock, it was charged, was turned over to Adams, which he borrowed \$3,000 from L. J. Field &amp; Co.

## Welcome Complete Disclosure.

"We welcome a complete disclosure of this transaction," said Lawyer McManus, "so far as Birmingham is concerned. It has got to the point now where he is tired of being made the goat. If his advice had been taken at the outset, there would have been no reason or necessity for either himself or the Windsor Trust Company to be made a goat. Every step that he took was taken with the full knowledge of the officers of the company in every phase of the transaction."

Charles Katz, president of the Eastern Brewing Company, and Walter L. Clark, the curb broker, of 27 William street, also were arraigned to-day before Judge Mulqueen on the same charges as Adams. They were charged with having been helped down by the grand jury Thursday. Clark is charged with grand larceny in connection with the Windsor transaction, and Katz with complicity in the theft.

Judge Mulqueen fixed Katz's bail at \$5,000, and a bond was furnished by the Bankers' Surety Company.

The district attorney's office has found that Clark has served a term in the Elmira Reformatory for forgery in the second degree.

## ALABAMA HOTEL BURNS.

Housekeeper Faints After Seeing All the Guests Rescued.

Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 20.—While the Hotel Royal burned this morning at 2 o'clock, Mrs. L. A. Tirra, housekeeper, stood at the top of the landing and saw that every guest was safely out. Then she fainted.

Capt. Ed Brown, of the Central of Georgia Railway, was badly, perhaps fatally, injured by a jump from a window.

## STATE SENATOR DROWNED.

H. C. Whipple Supposed to Have Taken Life While Despondent.

Providence, R. I., Aug. 20.—The body of State Senator Henry Clay Whipple, of Coventry, was found face upward in a cove at the Pawtucket River, which flows by his estate, to-day.

He is supposed to have walked into the water, which is about two feet deep, and drowned himself while despondent.

Whipple had a morbid dread that he would become a victim of consumption. He was seventy-one years of age.

## Floral Designs of Great Beauty.

Created by Blackstone, Florist, 14th &amp; H.

Flooring That Will Please You, 2c a foot. Libbey &amp; Co., 6th and N. Y. ave.

TAFT WILL CROSS  
BORDER TO MEXICOAccepts Invitation to Meet  
Diaz in Juarez.

COMPLAINTS REPORTED

Central Americans Charge "Too  
Much Friendship."

Attorney General Takes Bundle of Documents to Beverly for President's Perusal Before Interview To-day—Party from Taft Cottage Enjoys Cruise on Sylph—Meyer Plays Golf with Chief Executive.

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 20.—President Taft was in earnest when he said that he wouldn't hesitate to leave United States territory if it seemed more expedient to do so on the occasion of his meeting with President Diaz of Mexico.

To-day the Mexican Ambassador, Senor Don Francisco Leon de la Barra, came to Beverly accordingly to telegraphic arrangements from Washington, and formally extended to Mr. Taft an invitation from President Diaz to let himself be entertained on October 15 at Juarez, the point directly across the Rio Grande from El Paso, Tex.

Mr. Taft accepted the invitation. He has already offered the courtesy of the American town to President Diaz. The details of the ceremonies have not yet been arranged. It is understood some of the time which Senor de la Barra spent with Mr. Taft was taken up in considering the murmurings of complaint from Central America that the United States and Mexico are combining with too much energy in their watchfulness of the Central American states.

## Wickersham a Visitor.

Attorney General Wickersham was to-day, leaving with him a bundle of documents for his perusal before their second interview to-morrow. They didn't go into the questions for which Mr. Wickersham has come to Beverly, to-day.

The Attorney General said after his brief stay with the President that the commission which had been appointed to meet and make recommendations to Mr. Taft on the subjects of interstate commerce and the anti-trust law would not make its report to him until after the Western trip.

The Attorney General is staying with Walter D. Denegre, of New Orleans, at Manchester-by-the-Sea. Mr. Wickersham has decided to construe the clause in the census bill providing that no two members of the same family shall be employed in one government department to mean that this applies only to the census takers. This would have affected most of the conditions in 120 Indian schools in this country, where the superintendents' wives act as matrons.

## Cruise on the Sylph.

Late this afternoon a party from the Taft cottage took a cruise up to Gloucester and back on the Sylph. This was Mr. Taft's first trip on the yacht during his present stay in Beverly. With him were Mrs. Taft, Prof. and Mrs. More, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Taft and their daughter Louise, and Capt. Butt. The smooth sea kept the party out until 7 o'clock.

The President was 4 up and 3 to play on Secretary Meyer this morning at Myopia. Charlie Taft really had an adventure yesterday afternoon. He did not emanate from his over-ready press agents. His dory, the Bandit, capsized off Salem Wharves while he and an engineer from the Sylph were cruising in it. They hung to the bottom of the boat until a skiff came out from the President's yacht and picked them off. Charlie got dry clothing, and was none the worse for his experience. The dory was given to him by young Dick Hammond, son of his father's friend, John Hays Hammond.

## REPUBLIC'S PROFITS SMALL.

Only \$1,629,246 Left for Dividends After Paying Other Expenses.

New York, Aug. 20.—The report of the Republic Iron and Steel Company for the year ended June 30 last, to-day, shows the smallest volume of profits in the history of the company.

After providing for the various funds of the company, and for bond interest, the net profits applicable to dividends are \$1,629,246, compared with \$1,971,420 in the year ended June 30, 1908, and \$3,725,245 in 1907.

The gross profits aggregated \$3,656,501, as against \$4,045,689 the year before, and \$5,127,741 in 1907.

The unfilled orders of the company largely increased from a year ago. On June 30 last they stood at 332,220 tons of finished and semi-finished products, as against 233,745 tons the year previous, and 48,827 tons in 1907. For pig iron the unfilled orders are higher than at any time in the history of the company, standing at 94,247 tons, as against 68,195 tons the year before.

## EARTH SHOCKS CONTINUE.

Natives of Acapulco Live Out of Doors Following Tremors.

Mexico City, Aug. 20.—A dispatch from Acapulco says that earthquake shocks continue to be felt there at frequent intervals, and that the inhabitants of the place are living out of doors. The sea has moved back thirty to fifty feet from the old beach line, and although this phenomena occurred days ago, it still retains its changed position. This recession of the sea extends for more than one hundred miles along the coast. It is supposed to be due to an upheaval of the mainland.

## Popular Excursion, Sunday, August 22.

Baltimore & Ohio R. R.  
\$1.00 round trip to Harpers Ferry and Martinsburg; \$1.25 to Berkeley Springs, and \$2.00 to Cumberland. Special train leaves Union Station at 8:35 a. m., returning same day.

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